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BIBLE THOUGHT

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.—II John 1:8.

In this epoch of "isms" we salute the teacher who can make her pupils feel the power of divinity behind the progress of civilization and who is doing much to keep alive the spark of democracy and the soul of America.—Zelda Pemberton in "North Carolina Education".

Public Schools and the Public

THAT the teachers of North Carolina are setting out to help public understanding of public school problems is the best news yet for the cause of state education. For when the public, unanimous for better schools, better teachers and better working conditions for teachers and pupils, are given the facts, they will require their legislators to act with a view to improving these conditions.

The Public Relations committees of the county units of the North Carolina Educational Association are working for a definite legislative program. Since the schools, like every other service supported by public money, must have an informed public to back them up, the needs will now be presented to citizens by those best qualified to know.

First of all, the proposed program is grounded on the welfare of the child. Problems of adequate support and of standards are tackled by knowing and facing the facts. Here are some of the hard ones:

North Carolina has nearly twice as many children per adult population as the nation's average. Therefore our load is twice as heavy as the nation's.

Our ability to support an educational program is measured by the per capita income, which is \$317, as compared to the nation's, which is \$750.

This state's per child expenditure per year is \$25; for the nation is \$67. Length of term is 160 days as compared with 177 days.

All problems are more acute in rural sections like our own county. Figures show that the child in our county schools has only half the chance as the town child. The county program of consolidation is designed to help this inequality.

The efforts of individual teachers to overcome these handicaps are nothing short of heroic. We learn that 90 per cent of Macon teachers have built up their certificates to meet standard teacher requirements.

Definite bills will be presented to the next legislature, among them will be one for an adequate State appropriation for a minimum eight months term for every child.

Two bills, will have to do with tenure and retirement, which in the past have been considered purely teacher welfare provisions. As a matter of fact the larger benefit would come to the childhood of the state. For the good of the children, teachers should be retired with some form of social security that is already provided other workers, rather than held on the active payroll because they have no other support.

Tenure legislation would provide a probationary period of three years to a teacher, after which, if satisfactory, his or her contract would be permanent, except for dismissals cited in law. Under the present law a teacher is up for election each year. All know too many cases when a teacher has been dismissed for political reasons.

These two reforms alone would have a tremendous influence in raising both standard and morale of the whole body of teachers, which would react directly for the benefit of the children. At present our schools are too open to abuses of local politics.

Laws that protect childhood through the teachers should receive the overwhelming support of all classes of citizens. Placing the teaching profession on a basis of reasonable security should be the very first objective of a state that boasts its devotion to the cause of education. The disgraceful situations of teachers being afraid of losing their jobs if they do not "vote right" should not be longer tolerated by a freedom-loving and democratic state.

We endorse the suggestion of the Asheville Citizen in commenting on teacher's retirement that "everyone interested in the public school system of North Carolina, and that includes about all of us, should do his bit towards correcting a situation which amounts to a scandal in the educational world. The Old North State is too great a commonwealth to fail to provide for the army of faithful men and women who train its citizens during impressionable childhood.

"Besides making proper provision for faithful public servants in their old age . . . it would attract to the profession even more brains and talent than it already numbers."

Community Center for Colored People



The above picture shows the new community center for colored people and a part of the large crowd which attended the dedication exercises held on Sunday, February 25.

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

CHURCH NOTES

Highlands Baptist Church
Rev. J. G. Benfield, Pastor
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Sermon.
7 p. m.—B. T. U.
8 p. m.—Sermon.

Highlands Presbyterian Church
Rev. R. B. Dupree, Pastor
10:45 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor

Church of the Incarnation
Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
4 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

Highlands Methodist Church
Rev. J. S. Higgins, Pastor
Highlands:
10 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—Worship.

Horse Cove:
3 p. m.—Worship.
Highlands:
7:30 p. m.—Worship.

HIGHLANDS TO HAVE NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING

The small store building on the north side of Main street next door to the Barber shop, belonging to Fred Edwards, is being razed and will be replaced with a two-story brick and tile building 33 feet wide and 60 feet long, the lower floor of which will be used as a post-office, and the upper floor probably for offices. Mr. Edwards advises that the building contract will be let immediately and that the quarters for the postoffice will be ready for occupancy by June 1.

It is also understood that the government has a ten-year lease on the building when completed.

REV. AND MRS. DUPREE KEEP OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Dupree kept open house last Thursday at the manse from six o'clock through the evening for members of the Presbyterian church and other friends as a sort of celebration for the many needed improvements that have just been made to the manse.

The living room and dining room were decorated with quantities of jonquils and narcissus from the low country. Music and singing were enjoyed during the evening and refreshments were served buffet style. The guests numbered approximately 40.

MRS. HINES ENTERTAINS WEDNESDAY CARD CLUB

The Wednesday Card Club was entertained last week by Mrs. J. A. Hines at her home, Chestnut Burr Cottage. Blossoming plants and winter evergreens were used to decorate the rooms. The high score prize was won by Mrs. C. C. Potts and Mrs. H. G. Story was final winner of the traveling prize. Delicious fruit salad and sandwiches were served after the game.

JUSSELY-LYLE

The following announcement from the Rock Hill, S. C., paper of the marriage of Miss Nancy Jussely and Mr. David Lyle of Rock Hill and Columbia, S. C., is of interest to Miss Jussely's Highlands friends as she has often visited here in the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Hines:

"Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Jussely of Harbor View, Mount Pleasant, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Farrior, to Mr. David Lyle of Rock Hill and Columbia, on Sunday, the 25th of February, 1940, at Edgmoor, S. C.

"Interesting to friends in Rock Hill as well as throughout South Carolina is the above announcement, the ceremony having been performed by Dr. R. A. Lummus, pastor of the Edgmoor A. R. P. church, at his home in Edgmoor. The bride wore a modish ensemble of deep rose wool and black accessories.

The ring ceremony was used,

the vows being sealed with the wedding ring used by the late Nancy Farrior, great-grandmother of the bride.

"Miss Jussely is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jussely of Mount Pleasant. She was educated in the schools of Charleston and has resided in Rock Hill for the past two years, holding a stenographic position in the Social Security office here. Through her personal charm and pleasing manner she has won many friends since coming to Rock Hill for residence.

"Mr. Lyle is the son of Mrs. David Lyle, Sr., and the late Dr. David Lyle of Rock Hill. He was educated at Bailey Military school in Greenwood and at Erskine college, Due West. He is now completing a pre-med course at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

BAPTIST W. M. U. MEETS WITH MRS. BENFIELD

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist church held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs.

Benfield at the parsonage last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Lawrence Hicks, president, presided at the business session, and the topic for the afternoon was "Home Missions."

Members present were Mrs. Benfield, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. R. D. Rogers, Mrs. A. B. Potts, Mrs. Benson Neely, Mrs. S. T. Marett, Mrs. O. F. Sumner, Miss Bettie Reese, Mrs. B. A. Cleaveland, and Mrs. Mack Pierson.

ADDITION BEING MADE TO HIGHLANDS WOODWORK SHOP

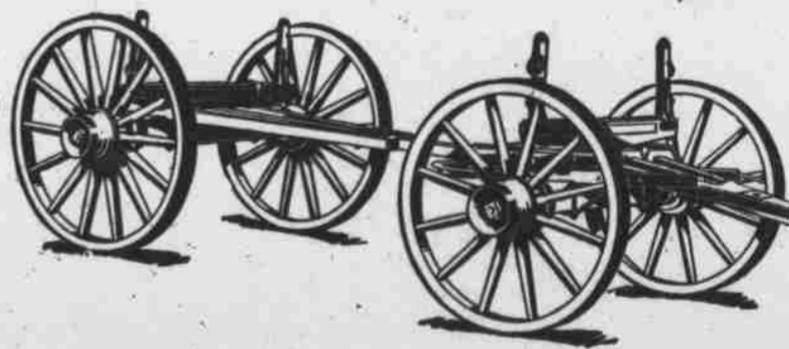
An addition is being made to the Highlands Woodwork Shop on East Main street, owned by Louis Edwards. The room will be used for displaying the many attractive



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articles of furniture this shop is constantly turning out. Mr. Edwards possesses natural talent in woodcraft and is a graduate of the Clemson college department of architecture. Anyone interested in handmade furniture will enjoy a visit to this shop when the showroom is finished.

R. D. Rogers has the contract for additions and alterations to be made to the G. H. Marett cottage on Fifth street, formerly owned by Herbert Rice. When completed, this will be a very attractive five-room bungalow.

Colonel and Mrs. John Stephen had as their week-end guests their niece and nephew, Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Brown of Fort Still, Okla., who were en route to Washington, D. C., where Colonel Brown has recently been transferred.

W. A. Hays, Lions Club director of Boy Scouts, accompanied Herbert Paul, Gene Paul, Elmer McDowell, Jr., Roy McDowell, and James Hunt to Bryson City last Monday night where the five boys were advanced to second class scouts.

Mrs. Mary Chapin Smith passed her 85th birthday anniversary very quietly at her home last Sunday. A number of friends called during the day, while others who were unable to call remembered her with birthday greeting cards.

Mrs. H. D. Randall of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived last Sunday for a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilcox, at Billy Cabin Farm.

Miss Louise Cramer spent the past week-end at her cottage, Holiday House, at the Country Club and had as her guest Miss Winnie Eskridge, also of Atlanta.

Miss Cora Miltimore returned last Friday from a two and a half months' stay in Gainesville and other points in Florida.

Mrs. Myra S. Ellard has returned home after spending several days with friends in Seneca, S. C.

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